Scenes of United Confederate Veterans Reunion Held Here 40 Years Ago

Golden Years
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Forrest, Stuart Cavalrymen Led 2-Mile Parade in 1915

Richmond streets were gray with uniforms 40 years ago as some 7,000 Civil War soldiers attended a reunion of the United Confederate Veterans here. As June arrived, the veterans came to the city in special trains, set up headquarters at Hotel Jefferson, took part in a two-mile long parade, re-elected General Bennett H. Young, of Kentucky, for another year as UCW commander and watched as the cornerstone of the proposed Stonewall Jackson monument was placed.

Some 125,000 persons watched the parade, a file of newspapers from 1915 showed.

Visiting veterans were housed in temporary quarters at Camp Stuart, at the State Fair Grounds. There, cot and three meals a day were furnished free.

One of the highlights of the reunion, the newspapers noted, was the parade, led by remaining soldiers of Forrest’s and Stuart’s Cavalry, wearing their old battle-scarred uniforms.

Many of those vets, who marched from Capitol Square to a court of honor held between the Lee and Davis monuments, saluted the statue of J. E. B. Stuart as they marched past. The parade, which included Virginia Military Institute cadets, automobiles, Governor Stuart and other notables, moved along Monument Avenue between 23 divisions of veterans, standing beneath their own flags in review.

At the end of the parade, some 600 school children formed a living flag for the court of honor. Before the veterans left, they decided to hold their next reunion at Birmingham, then watched Grant’s battle re-enactment part of the Battle of the Crater, at Petersburg, when “Mahone’s Brigade of 800 Virginiams attacked and drove off 10,000 Federals.” Fireworks were used in the re-enactment.

Also in early June and late May, 1915: Dr. Beverley R. Tucker paid $70,000 for property at Madison and Franklin Streets where he proposed to establish a sanatorium.

Richmond Locomotive Works was surrounded by an eight-foot fence, topped by barbed wire, as the organization set up machinery for manufacturing shrapnel for European armies.

The Equal Suffrage League, at its Second Street headquarters, decided to ask the next General Assembly to authorize a State referendum on giving women equal voting rights with men. Mrs. B. B. Valentine presided at the meeting.

Newspaper files showed these other highlights of 60, 20 and 10 years ago:
Man Loses Appeal Case
In U. S. Court
West Virginia Body Upheld in Opinion

A West Virginia Federal court’s refusal to set aside the judgment and sentence against a man in a criminal case was affirmed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit here yesterday.

Thomas Carvell had asked the Clarksburg (W. Va.) District Court in 1948 to grant his motion to set aside the conviction against him 11 years previously.

When the court denied his motion, he appealed to the circuit court on the ground he was not afforded competent counsel in his trial; witnesses he wanted were not called; the court did not grant his request to appear at the hearing on his motion, and the same judge who tried the case against him also passed on his motion for dismissal.

In a joint opinion, the three appeals court judges deplorated all these complaints. Carvell’s lawyer was experienced and competent, and no complaint was made during the trial that essential witnesses were not called, the court noted.

Regarding the prisoner’s request to appear at the hearing on his motion, the court stated, “It would destroy all notion of discipline. If merely by filing a motion with the court, prisoners were allowed to appear at the hearing, prisoners could have themselves transported about over the country for the purpose of testifying on the hearing of such motions.”

The panel also held that it was quite within the discretion of the judge who tried the case to pass on the motion. “Not only was there no impropriety in this, but it is highly desirable in such cases.”

In another decision announced yesterday, the Court of Appeals reversed the trial court decision that a case and motion order entered by the National Labor Relations Board against Emory’s Motoc Loop, Martinsburg, W. Va., would be enforced.

The NLRI issued the order in March, 1947, to compel E. Emery to reinstate with back pay and interest three drivers discharged for union activity, to abandon a company-sponsored union, and to bargain collectively with a union of his drivers’ own choosing.

A portrait of Dr. Joseph L. Miller, of Thomas, W. Va., who donated a library of medical books to the Richmond Academy of Medicine, will be unveiled at the academy at noon today. Miller Accepts Bid
To Radford Rally

The ceremony will be held in the Library of the Academy, which houses a collection of rare medical books, portraits, prints, autographed letters, silk hose and medical instruments presented by Dr. Miller in 1932.

The collection was one reason behind the erection of the academy building at 1200 East Clay St., and is the nucleus for the academy’s Library of Old Medicine.

Dr. Warthen to Preside

Dr. James H. Smith will make the presentation of the portrait and it will be accepted by Dr. Wyndham B. Blount, Dr. Harry J. Warthen, president of the academy, will preside. The portrait was painted by David Silvestre of Richmond.

Dr. Miller was graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in 1900 and received the honorary doctorate of literature from that institution in 1931. He is a former vice-president of the West Virginia State Medical Association and has been a life member of the Historical Society of Virginia and an honorary member of the Richmond Academy of Medicine.

School Official
Is Commented

Several hundred students and community members attended the event to express their support for the school and its efforts to improve and modernize its facilities. Miller’s acceptance of the invitation to address the Radford rally was announced by John M. Goddard, chairman of the Democratic executive committee here.

The meeting Monday night in the auditorium of Radford High School was to decide the five gubernatorial candidates to speak at the rally. No official statements were made, but several speakers expressed their support for the candidates.

In addition to Dr. Miller’s portrait being unveiled, two others were also presented to the academy. The portraits are of Dr. J. W. Warthen and Dr. W. B. Blount, both former presidents of the academy.

Invitation to Culpeper—Vice-President Alben Barkley (second from right) is invited to Culpeper’s bicentennial celebration last week in July by a delegation from the Northern Virginia county at Washington yesterday. Left to right are Senator A. Willis Robertson, Newman Belely, secretary of the Culpeper Chamber of Commerce; T. I. Martin, chairman of the anniversary celebration; Vice-President Barkley; J. H. Newhouse, vice-chairman of the celebration.

Thalhimer’s

Juliette Low Ingathering...1:15 today at the Cavalier Arena...to celebrate the Fifty-First Birthday of Girl Scouts...to be followed by entertainment, food, and games for the whole family...tickets are $1.00...call 421-4117 for reservations...

Shop daily 9 to 5:30, Mondays 9 to 9...Dial 3-4211.
June Graduates To Establish Separate Loan Divisions For Men, Women

Two University loan funds, one for men and one for women students, will be established this spring by the graduating class as a memorial, according to Reube Bradford, med 2, president. The funds will be set up from the surplus money resulting from Senior week ticket sales after the expenses of the week’s activities have been met.

Last year’s graduating class, in the same manner, left a fund of $270 to the University men’s revolving loan fund.

New and distinct pattern will be a feature of the senior class jewelry, Mr. Bradford stated. However, he did not reveal just what the new jewelry will be as it is planned to withhold this information temporarily.

Gifts left by graduating classes in previous years as memorials to the University include the Class of ’31’s gift of a clock over the Library building front east as well as the row of trees along the south side of Chemistry building. An upright concrete marker near the Chemistry building entrance on University Avenue bears a bronze plaque which says:

"Trees"
"Poems Are Made By Fools Like Me"
"But Only God Can Make A Tree."
—Joyce Kilmer.

"These trees were planted and dedicated to West Virginia University by the members of the Class of ’27."

NEWS FLASHES

LONDON, April 5.—(UP) — Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald will sail for the United States in ten days for the purpose of discussing the relationship of war debts with the general problem of world economic recovery, it was learned authoritatively today.

The prime minister will confer probably for two days with President Roosevelt on a point of international relationship on which the two governments have disagreed for some time.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(UP) — The senate is expected tomorrow to pass a modified bill to reduce labor’s working hours and thus meet the challenge of the

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